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IN RESPONSE TO OUR INOUIRY PER PARA 4 OF REFTEL ON THE ATTITUDE OF BP AND HMG ON SUBJECT DECISION, WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN REPLY FROM THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE:
BEGIN QUOTE: BOTH OUR EMBASSY IN COPENHAGEN AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HERE HAVE BEEN KEPT INFORMED BY BP ON THIS ISSUE, BUT THE COMPANY HAVE NOT SO FAR REQUESTED ANY GOVERNMENT ACTION IN THEIR SUPPORT. I UNDERSTAND BP (DENMARK) ARE REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT THEIR APPEAL AGAINST THE ASSESSMENT IMPOSED ON THEM WILL GO THEIR WAY, IF NOT IN THE TAX COURT THEN IN THE NEXT STAGE OF APPEAL TO THE HIGH COURT. THEY ARE A LITTLE MORE
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WORRIED ABOUT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS (SUCH AS THE POSSI-BILITY THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT MIGHT DECIDE TO AMEND THE COMPANIES TAX LAW) AND THEY DO NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENTS MIGHT LATER GIVE THEM GROUNDS FOR SEEKING INTERVENTION AT GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL BUT THEY DO NOT AT PRESENT THINK THIS NECESSARY. WE, FOR OUR PART, DO NOT THINK THAT GOVERNMENT INTER-

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VENTION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS STAGE WHILE BP'S APPEAL IS STILL BEING HEARD, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD CERTAINLY BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER IT SHOULD DEVELOPMENTS REOUIRE THIS.

WE SHOULD OF COURSE WELCOME ANY INDICATION YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE US OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON STEPS WHICH YOU MIGHT ENVISAGE TAKING IN SUPPORT OF TEXACO, CHEVRON AND ESSO, PARTICULARLY IF YOU CONSIDER THAT MULTILATERAL ACTION MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE APPROPRIATE. END QUOTE.

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